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**R E M A R K S**

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 17-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Sixteen (16) claims remain pending in the application: claims 1-16.

**Restriction Requirement**

1. Applicant elects to prosecute claims directed to Group I, claims 1-16.

**Election of Species**

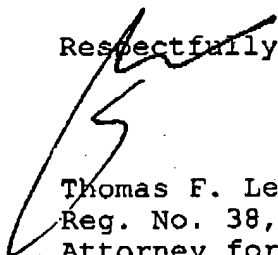
2. In response to the election of species, Applicant respectfully elects Species 1, directed to Figure 3. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 2, 11 and 12-15 read upon the elected Species 1. Applicant further respectfully traverses the Examiner's assertion that there are no generic claims. Applicant submits that at least Claims 1 and 12 are generic and apply to species 1-5.

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C O N C L U S I O N

In view of the above, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited. Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Thomas F. Lebens at (805) 781-2865 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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